

REMARKS

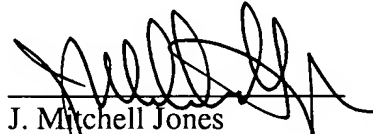
Claims 1-38 were originally filed in the present application. In the Restriction Requirement mailed June 30, 2006, the Examiner restricted claims 1-38 into the following two groups:

- I. Claims 1-17 and 27-38; and
- II. Claims 18-26.

Applicants herein elect, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I. Applicants also herein cancel claims 18-26 in order to further their business interests and the prosecution of the present application, yet without acquiescing to the Examiner's arguments, and while preserving the right to prosecute the canceled (or similar) claims in the future.

As such, Claims 1-17 and 27-38 are pending and under examination following entry of Applicants' response to the outstanding Restriction requirement.

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